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Connecticut Office of Early Childhood

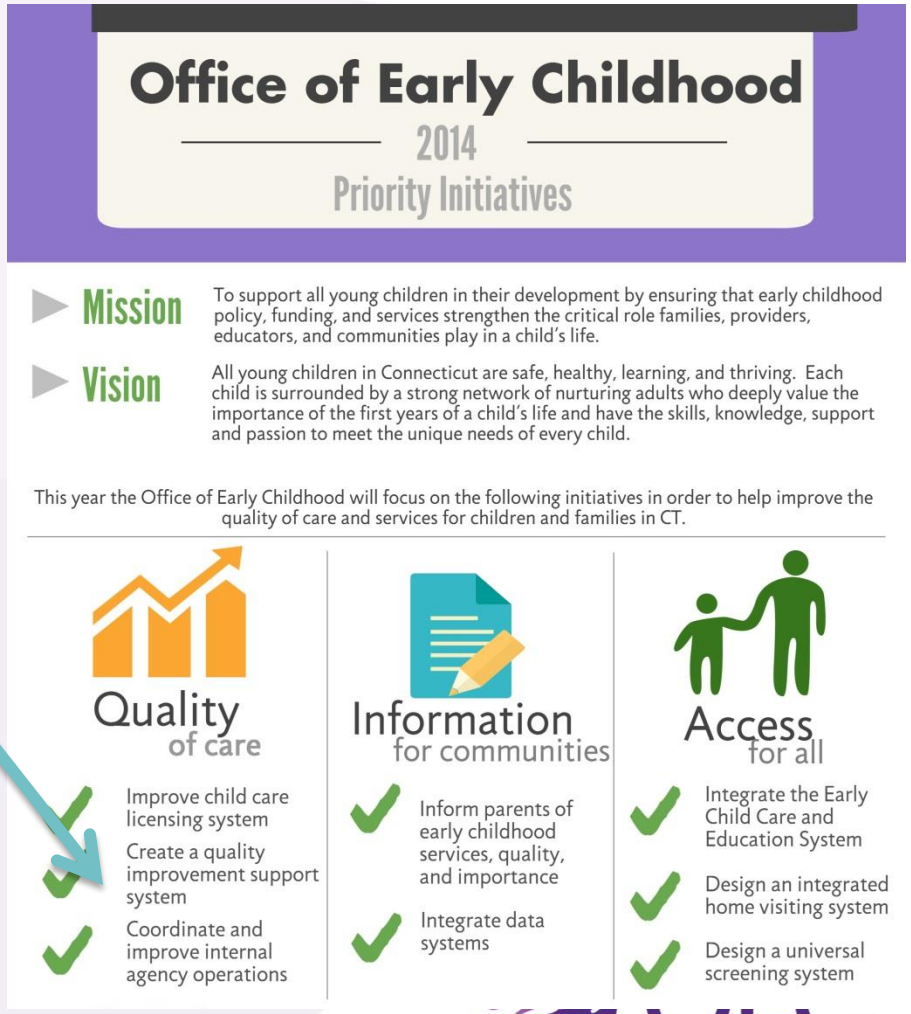
Quality Improvement System

Project Introduction

March 21, 2014

Priority Initiative

- Quality of Care
- Information for Families
- Access for All



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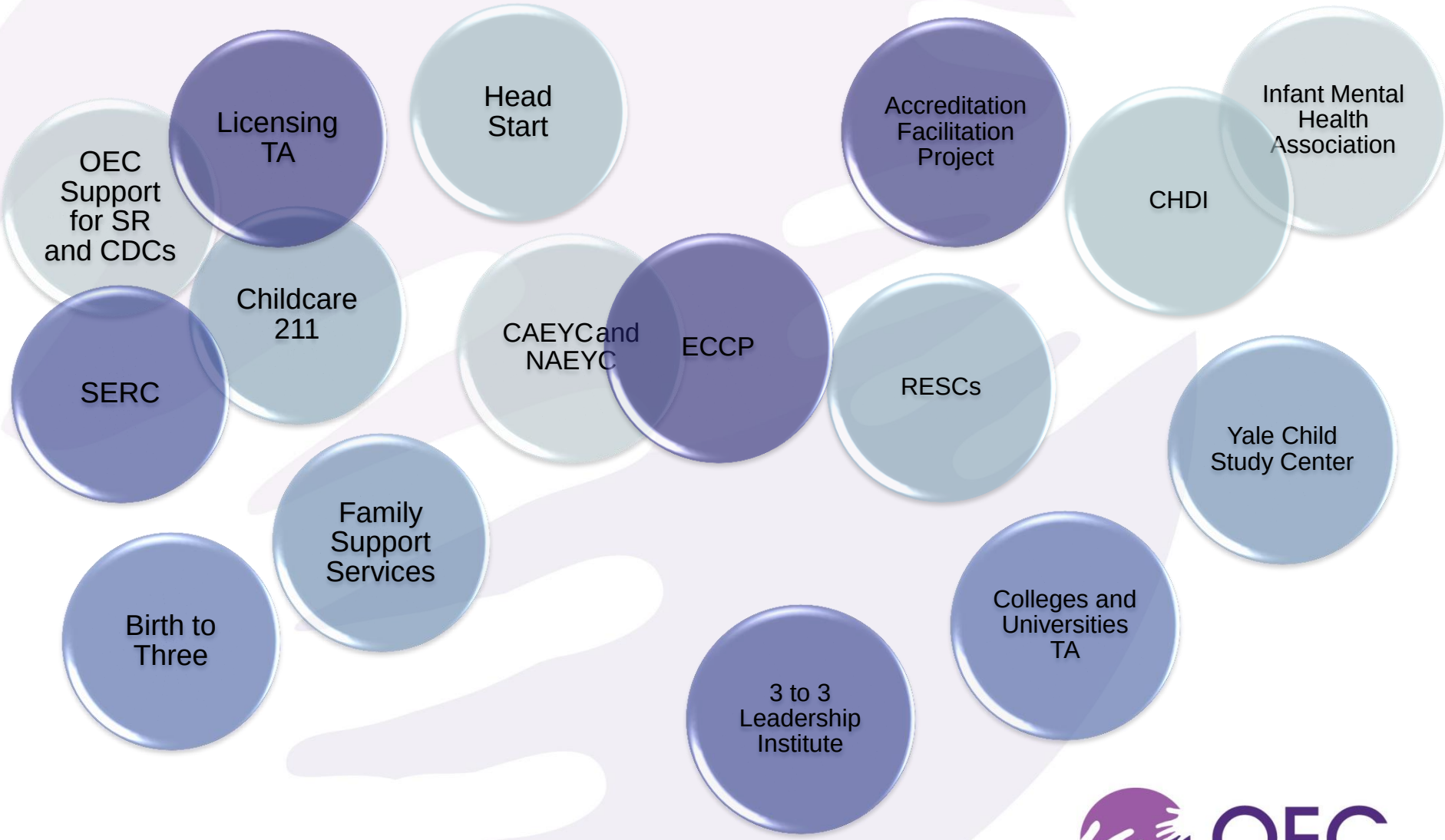

Quality Improvement Supports

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Quality Improvement System

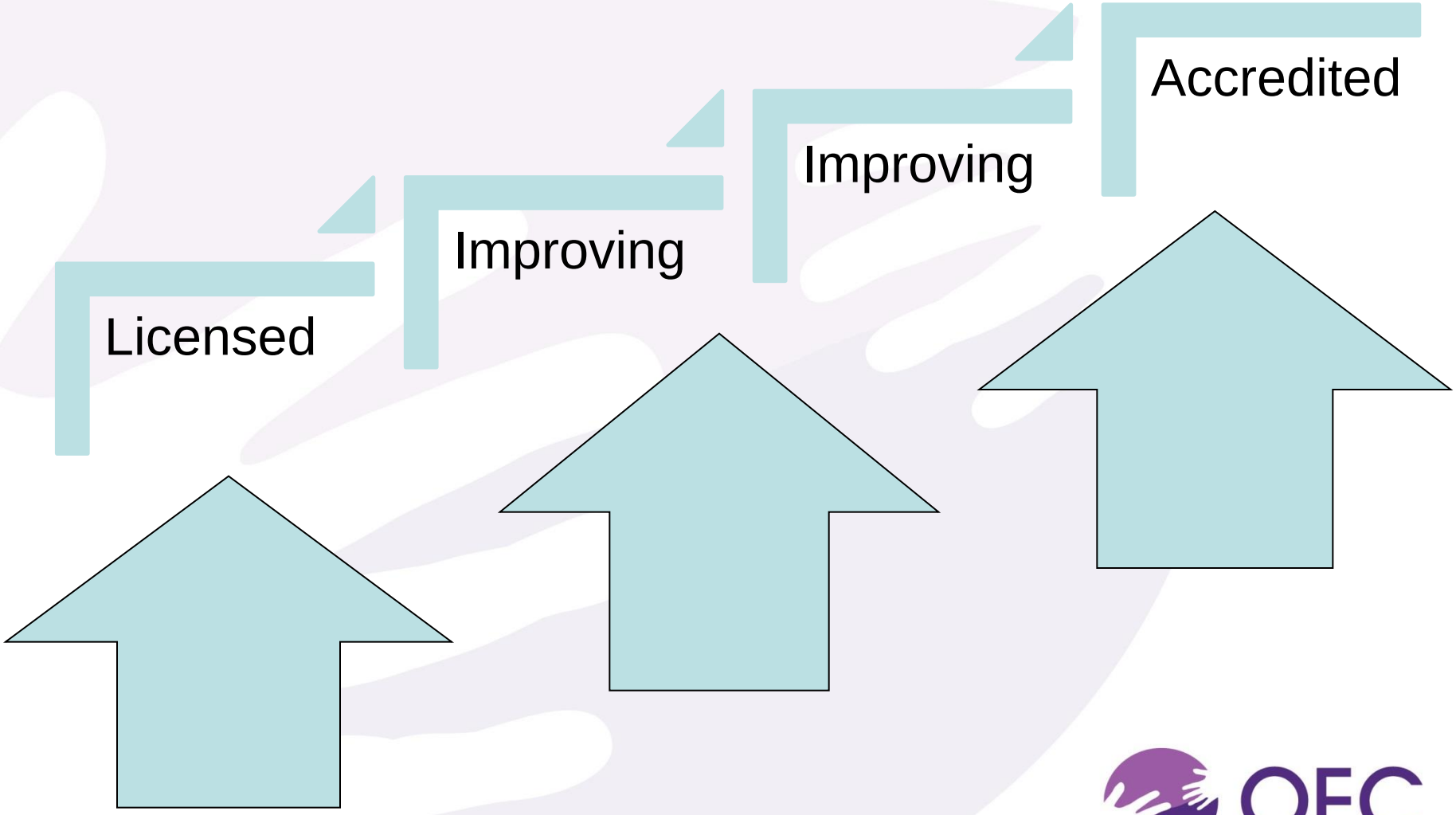
Work Group Charge

Design a Quality Improvement System for early care and education settings in Connecticut.

Deliverables:

- Needs assessment (by May1, 2014)
- Recommendations (by June15, 2014)
  - Design (What could be)
  - Plan (How we can get there)

Goals for the Project



Goals for the Project

OEC's Goal

An effective QIS for CT's early care & education settings that promotes continuous quality improvement.

Outcome

More children in CT, especially children facing barriers, are in higher quality settings.

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Quality Improvement For Whom?

Home-, center- & school-based programs
for children birth to kindergarten

System Designed for:

- School Readiness
- Head Start & Early Head Start
- Child Day Care
- Other licensed centers
- Licensed Family Child Care
- Unlicensed home-based providers
- Public school preschools

Priority for Support

Settings where 10% or more of children meet criteria for high needs

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Quality Improvement and QRIS

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Timeline

Rating

Currently we have 2 Rated Levels (Licensed and Accredited)

Finalize Rating Levels 2 & 3

Quality Improvement

Currently we have many TA providers with limited coordination

Recommend Quality Improvement system design

Implement Quality Improvement system in phases

Modify Quality Improvement system to reflect new rating levels and requirements

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Building on What We Have

- QRIS
- Head Start
- Standards
- BUILD
- NARA and Integration
- Technical Assistance Opportunities
- Race to the Top Application

PDW Learning Cohort Calls

3-4:30pm

- 4/15
- 4/23
- 5/14

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Identified Strategies

- Staffed Family Child Care Networks
- Accreditation Facilitation Project
- Annual Training Hours and 4 Hour Initial Orientation (Home Based)
- Program, Learning, and Workforce Standards
- Focus on continuous quality improvement and leadership development
- Coordinate consultative services
- Centralized Website

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